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SUBJECT: ARMING OF CONSEC MARINES

REF: BANQUI'S 563

1. REFTTEL REVIEWED WITH CONCERN. PRIOR TO APPROVING
ASSIGNMENT OF TDY MARINES TO BANQUI FOR CONSTRUCTION
SECURITY THE DEPARTMENT WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT
NECESSARY CLEARANCES AND IMMUNITIES HAD BEEN OBTAINED
FROM GOCAE FOR TDY MARINES. CONTENT OF REFTTEL PARA
TWO (2) INDICATES THIS IS NOT THE CASE. MSG'S SHOULD
NOT BE USED WITHOUT HOST GOVERNMENT APPROVING THEIR
PRESENCE SINCE ACTIONS THEY MAY BE REQUIRED TO TAKE IN
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NORMAL PERFORMANCE OF THEIR SECURITY DUTY MAY PLACE THEM
IN JEOPARDY.

2. UNLESS SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED BY HOST GOVERNMENT
MARINES SHOULD BE ARMED WHILE WITHIN THE EMBASSY PREMISES
AND IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF THEIR DUTIES. MACE, WHILE
A GOOD FIRST EFFORT DEFENSIVE WEAPON, CANNOT BE EXPECTED

TO REPLACE A REVOLVER. SINCE THE MAIN REASON FOR ARMING
A MARINE IS TO PROTECT HIMSELF OR ANOTHER PERSON SHOULD
THEIR LIFE BE IMMEDIATELY ENDANGERED, IT IS DIFFICULT TO
UNDERSTAND THE PURPOSE OR THE RATIONAL OF PLACING HIS

WEAPON IN A LOCKED SAFE IN SOMEONE ELSE'S QUARTERS, 150
YARDS AWAY FROM WHERE HE MAY NEED IT.

3. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO
EMPLOYMENT AND ARMING OF MSG'S BE REVIEWED AND APPROPRIATE
ACTION TAKEN TO CORRECT DEFICIENCIES.
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